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REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER
35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE
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Sir:

This is a reply in response to the Notice of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office dated August 9, 2006. The period set to reply to the Notice of Missing Requirements expired on October 9, 2006. Applicants hereby requests a two month extension of time for responding to the Notice. With the expected grant of the request for extension of time, the period for responding to the Notice now expires on December 9, 2006.

Accordingly, the present response is timely filed. Enclosed are the following:

1. Copy of Notice of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office dated August 9, 2006;

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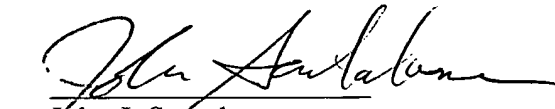
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2. A declaration and power of attorney for the above-identified application duly executed by the inventor;
3. A translation of the application into English; and
4. Check in the amount of **\$580.00** covering the **\$130.00** surcharge for late submission of the oath or declaration and the two month extension of time fee of **\$450.00**. The **\$130.00** processing fee for providing the translation of the application later than 30 months from the priority date should be charged to Deposit Account No. 11-0171.

If there are any questions or comments relating to this request, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

If any additional fees are due, or an overpayment has been made, please charge, or credit, our Deposit Account No. 11-0171 for such sum.

Respectfully submitted,


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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/13/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/13/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 01/13/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/13/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 01/13/2006

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

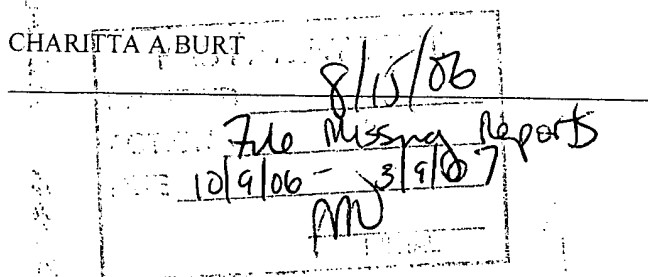
ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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